

Wolf Creek Bridge
Spanning the Missouri River
on the Recreation Road
Craig Vicinity
Lewis & Clark County
Montana

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Location: Spanning the Missouri River on the Recreation Road south of Craig, Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

Date of Construction: 1933

Present Owner: Lewis and Clark County
Lewis and Clark County Courthouse
Helena, Montana 59601

Present Use: Vehicular Bridge

Significance: The Missouri River bridge, located on the Recreation Road south of Craig, was erected in 1933 by W.P. Roscoe Co. of Billings, Montana, for the State of Montana. The bridge was the first continuous steel truss bridge built in Montana. Following its construction, the four-span bridge was the major crossing of the Missouri River between Helena and Great Falls in Lewis and Clark County. The structure was fabricated by the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company of Pueblo, Colorado. It consists of one 21-foot concrete girder approach span and three continuous truss spans (comprising a Warren through truss): 135 feet, 180 feet, and 135 feet, respectively. The bridge is 20 feet wide throughout and rests on concrete abutments. With the construction of I-15, the bridge no longer carries major traffic between Great Falls and Helena.

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